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SUBJECT: UNGA CONSULTATIONS: TRAVEL OF ASST SEC LEWIS

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT HERE BY ASST SEC LEWIS WOULD BE MOST TIMELY AND USEFUL, AS PRELUDE TO U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION THIS FALL. GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES, WHO WAS MEXICO'S AMBASSADOR TO U.N. UNTIL THE FIRST OF THIS YEAR, WILL TAKE A LIVELY INTEREST IN THIS YEAR'S UNGA AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN MAJOR ISSUES.

2. ONLY POSSIBLE CONFLICT WE SEE WITH REGARD TO TIMING IS EXPECTED VISIT OF AMBASSADOR LEARSON AND GROUP FOR BILATERALS WITH MEXICO ON OUTSTANDING LOS QUESTIONS. AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S VISIT IS SCHEDULED FOR EXACTLY THE SAME TIME FRAME AS THAT PROPOSED FOR ASST SEC LEWIS, BUT WE SEE NO REASON TO EXPECT CONFLICT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ACTIVITIES.

3. EMBOFF TOOK LIBERTY OF MENTIONING POSSIBLE VISIT TO FONSEC DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF FOR IO AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR SERGIO
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GONZALEZ GALVEZ, WHO THOUGHT THE IDEA WAS SPLENDID ONE.

HE NOTED THAT LEWIS' PREDECESSOR HAD MADE A SIMILAR CONSULTATIVE VISIT TO MEXICO UPON ENTERING THAT JOB. GONZALEZ GALVEZ PROMPTLY TELEPHONED FOREIGN SECRETARY, WHO RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO PROPOSED VISIT AND OFFERED (ASSUMING SCHEDULE IS CONFIRMED) TO RECEIVE ASST SEC LEWIS IN HIS OFFICE AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 26. IN ADDITION, GONZALEZ GALVEZ PROPOSED A PRIVATE BREAKFAST WITH SENIOR FONSEC OFFICIALS AT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT TUESDAY MORNING. EMBOFF WAS ASKED TO CONFIRM THESE APPOINTMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. FOR PURPOSE OF MOST USEFUL DISCUSSIONS, GONZALEZ GALVEZ ASKED ON FONSEC'S BEHALF FOR A SPECIFIC LIST OF TOPICS TO BE COVERED. (THIS SEEMS TO BE GARCIA ROBLES' STYLE: HE PRESENTED A LIST OF EIGHT SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING LATTER'S VISIT HERE LAST MONTH AND DURING THEIR CONVERSATION SYSTEMATICALLY WENT DOWN THE LIST ONE BY ONE.) EMBOFF AGREED TO TRANSMIT THIS REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT AND ADVISE HIM OF ITS REPLY.

5. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, FOREIGN SECRETARY AND GONZALEZ GALVEZ ARE THE TWO PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS DEALING WITH U.N. MATTERS WITH WHOM ASST. SEC LEWIS SHOULD PLAN TO MEET. IN GOM FONSEC HIERARCHY, GONZALEZ GALVEZ OCCUPIES APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENT POSITION TO LEWIS (GONZALEZ APPEARS TO ANSWER DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY ON U.N. MATTERS WITHOUT INTERMEDIARY AT UNDER-SECRETARY LEVEL). HOWEVER, FONSEC IS LIKELY TO INVITE OTHER PERTINENT OFFICIALS TO TAKE PART IN BOTH CONSULTATIONS AND PROPOSED BREAKFAST. JOVA

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